

CITY LOCALS

Mrs. Lowery has returned from a few day's visit to friends in Franklin and is stopping with her mother Mrs. D. J. Allen.

W. A. Hyatt of Waynesville was a business visitor in Sylva Monday.

Javan Coward was here Tuesday.

Miss Cornelia Osborne of Asheville is at the Commercial and will remain in Sylva in the capacity of a public stenographer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Coward of Webster were in the city Sunday.

Judge and Mrs. D. D. Davies and Miss Daisy Davies of Cullowhee were in Sylva Tuesday morning.

Miss Mamie Bryson of Beta spent Saturday night with her cousin Miss Gratia Bryson of this place.

Chas. A. Bird of Qualla was in the city Saturday on business.

T. R. Zachary of Cashiers was in Sylva the last of the week on business.

Fred Zachary was here Saturday from Cashiers.

We note that Hon. Walter E. Moore was in Washington last week in behalf of his Candidacy for District Attorney.

Frank Norton was here Saturday. Miss Zora Medford of Clyde was in Sylva the last of the week, the guest of Miss Tela Zachary.

Lawrence Cowan was here Saturday from Webster.

W. B. Farwell was in the City Monday from Balsam, on business.

Prof. A. C. Reynolds is attending the teachers assembly at Raleigh. Prof. Reynolds is the president of the Assembly and will deliver one of the principal addresses.

Miss Gratia Bryson who is attending the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School is at home this week, having contracted a case of measles.

Mrs. A. M. Bennett, Mrs. Percival Bennett and Mr. Kelley Bennett of Bryson City and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keener and Mrs. Zachary of Sylva were the guests of Dr. Daisy McGuire for dinner Sunday.

Rev. L. B. Abernathy and Rev. D. R. Proffitt are attending the Annual Conference this week.

Mrs. J. B. Ensley set a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Ensley's 51 st. birthday last Sunday which was much enjoyed by all present. Those present were H. M. Hooper and family A. B. Ensley and wife, Mrs. Mellie Long, (Mr. Ensley's sister,) Mr. H. M. Morris, Mr. John Queen of Balsam, (Mrs. Ensley's brother) and E. E. Brown.

Thomas Moore and Geo. Self were out hunting near Webster Saturday when Mr. Moore's gun was accidentally discharged part of the shot taking effect in Mr. Self's face. The wound is not serious.

Holmes Bryson accompanied by his wife is in market this week buying filling in goods and picking up jobs in ladies dress goods and in fact all kinds of jobs. Look out for him soon with a big ad for he always finds the goods that will save you money and at the same time they are good goods that give you the service.

Coleman Cannon and wife of Dillsboro were in the city Sunday.

J. E. Keener of Dillsboro is moving his stock of Drugs to Sylva and will be in partnership with the Hooper Drug Co.

Dr. A. E. Brown, of Asheville, was in town on business last week.

SPENDWELL

It is my information that the tax levy for Jackson County for the year 1913 amounts to over \$70,000. The Sheriff gets five percent for collecting. Then on \$70,000 he would receive \$35,00 as his commission for doing about three months work, or \$1166 per month. The Sheriff's Compensation for his services is greater than that of the Governor of the State.

From a financial standpoint, I had rather be Sheriff of Jackson County than Governor of North Carolina. For \$35,00 the Sheriff could well afford to give the tax payers another round in helping them shoulder the great burden of paying this \$70,000. I know of plenty of good men who would like very much to be sheriff of Jackson County for \$100 per month, the County furnishing Stationery etc.

The treasurer gets 2 1-2 percent for disbursing say \$70,000 or \$1750. This whole amount is needlessly spent. The Sheriff disburses the bulk of the taxes in taking up County paper School Vouchers etc.

In fact the office of Treasurer is a useless one and should be abolished.

The actual cash collected by the Sheriff should be deposited in the Bank, subject to the check of the Register of Deeds, after being duly authorized by the Board of County Commissioners as they are the financial agents of the county. However if the office of Treasurer is retained

I know of plenty of good and competent men who would like to do the work of the Treasurer's office at \$50 per month or \$600 per year, thereby saving the tax payer more than a thousand dollars per year. If all the officers of Jackson County were placed on reasonable salaries it would save the taxpayers of the County from six to ten thousand dollars a year or enough to build one good steel bridge a year, or enough to build from five to eight miles of good roads a year, or enough at the lowest estimate to run 30 six months schools at \$200 each. I am in favor of placing our public officers on salaries.

Many other needed reforms could be made to great advantage to the people of Jackson County, which I may discuss later on.

Rev. J. P. Stallcup preached here Saturday and Sunday in the new Baptist church. We were glad to have Rev. D. R. Proffitt with us in the church service Sunday.

James Roper of Sylva was a flying visitor to Spewell Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fullbright a girl.

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A GREAT BUILDING FALLS when its foundation is undermined and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at all druggists.

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Reversible Thanksgiving

Let's be thankful for the coal that's in the cellar;
If it's paid for, let's be thankful that it is;
If it isn't, let's be glad the other fellow
Must consider that the risk is wholly his.

Let's be thankful for the jobs at which we labor;
If perchance they're not exactly what we'd like
We may still be better fixed than some poor neighbor
Who has just been bounced or called upon to strike.

Let's be thankful if our relatives are present
To share the joy we have; but if they're not
The case will then, of course, be still more pleasant,
So either way we'll have a happy lot.

Let's be thankful if the grim old money question
Doesn't serve to keep our turkey off the plate—
In case it does, we won't have indigestion
When the rich man's taking pills and blaming Fate.

—S. E. Kiser



Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving day is the day when every one says he is thankful, and wants to eat turkey to prove it. If you haven't anything else to be thankful for, you can be thankful you are not a turkey.

Thanksgiving day was first observed by the Pilgrims, who were thankful that they had five grains of corn apiece. In these extravagant times a man wouldn't be thankful if he had ten grains of corn—which shows conclusively that we are prosperous. The trusts are doing a noble work in remedying this evil condition.

People have various unreasonable reasons for being thankful on Thanksgiving day. Some men are thankful they took a wife, and some are thankful they didn't take two. Bachelor maids are thankful they are not "horrid bachelors," and a married woman is always thankful that her husband has a good wife. It is easy to be thankful if you go about it right.

But the thing people are most thankful for is their money—even though they came by it honestly. The more a man has, the more thankful he is that it isn't less, and the less a man has the less likely he is to be thankful because it isn't more. Be thankful, therefore, that you haven't too much to be thankful for. Turkey tastes all the better for coming but once a year.

CUSTOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN

Popular Error Holds That President Lincoln Issued First Thanksgiving Proclamation.

There is some discussion as to the origin of the present national custom of observing Thanksgiving day. It was held by a large number of people, until recently, that the custom was first established by President Lincoln during the Civil war. Examination of the records showed that this was a mistake. A number of the presidents who preceded Mr. Lincoln issued Thanksgiving proclamations, the practice dating back to Washington. They had been desultory, however, and there had been no regular repetition of the proclamation until after it had been issued by Mr. Lincoln.

The custom of observing a day of thanksgiving and prayer is as old as the civilization of the country. It was inaugurated in New England very shortly after the arrival of the first English immigrants, and it gradually became the day of all others in the year, for surpassing Christmas in the enthusiasm and universality of its observance. In the southern states, prior to the Civil war, it was quite general, though there was no common day of celebration. The governors of the states issued their proclamations without reference to the dates set by the governors of other states, and it not infrequently happened that the celebration would occur in Maryland on a day different from that which was observed in the neighboring states. There were commonwealths, prior to the Civil war, where no proclamation was issued, and there was no observance whatever.

The proclamation of Mr. Lincoln seemed to electrify the country and to cement the states in their observance of Thanksgiving, though there were commonwealths which for some years afterward selected a different date. This gradually ceased, until now the celebration has become a thoroughly national and universal event. For a while it eclipsed the Fourth of July, and in New England today it far surpasses Christmas in interest. With the disappearance of sectionalism, however, the Fourth of July has assumed its normal place in American holidays, and is not likely again, through any combination of circumstances, to lose it.

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W. L. GIDNEY

SYLVA, N. C.

PORTO RICO'S NEW WONDER

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marrero of Barceloneta, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others who used it on my advice. I hope this great medicine will be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c a bottle. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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